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In re application of:

Yasuhiro MITSUI

Application No: 09/539,421

Confirmation No. 8177

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM  
UTILIZING DIGITAL WATERMARKS IN  
PREDETERMINED REGIONS  
(As Amended)

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Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 29, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 28 of this paper.